

St. Ambrose Church



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 2pm. After hours by appointment only.

WEEKEND HOLY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor

Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence

Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678
Monsignor Doyle High School 519-622-1290

BAPTISM - The Baptism Preparation Program for parents is required before a Baptism date is scheduled.

MARRIAGE - Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance, as Marriage Preparation is required.

VISITS and COMMUNION TO THE SICK - Inform the parish office of hospitalization or home confinement.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - for assistance with food vouchers, leave a message at 519-623-8764

- St. Vincent de Paul Value Store 519-629-0103

First Saturday Promise:

"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful people pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) confess their sins, 2) receive Holy Communion, 3) recite five decades of the Rosary, 4) keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, 5) and have the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

(Our Lady of Fatima's message to Lucia)

First Saturday Masses are held at 8:00 am each month at St. Ambrose Church.

Easter Vigil Mass

The most sacred night of the Church year



The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of the Easter season.

1) Service of Light The atmosphere in the Church is different: The Holy water fonts are empty, all the lights dimmed, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the Church or at the back of the Church. A ceremonial new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal Candle is prepared while the priest marks the candle.

The candle is then processed through the church, with the deacon lifting the candle at three different times, singing: Christ our light (*Lumen Christi*) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). Everyone lights their individual candle from the Easter candle and continue until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: The *Exsultet* (Easter proclamation). "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells of man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us". This is usually sung by the deacon or choir leader.

2) Liturgy of the Word During the Easter Vigil, nine readings, (seven Old Testament and two New Testament) are provided. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

3) Liturgy of the Baptism During this time the Easter water is blessed, new members who have been studying Catholicism in the RCIA program are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, and the faithful are blessed with the new Holy Water and renew their baptismal promises.

4) Liturgy of the Eucharist The Mass continues, with special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole congregation is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. The Mass ends with the glorious... *The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.* Response: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 am + KOZDRON, SALINITRI, GORBARCZYK and ORGANISCIAC FAMILIES - Stella

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 16

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.
Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Filomena Teixeira
+ ELIAS KOCZO – Cecilia and Aldwin
+ RANDY WARREN – his family
+ OMAR MOLINA – his family
+ JOSEPH CSERGO – Ildiko and family
- For the intentions of Ben and Krystina

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

AND Confessions: 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Holy Thursday, April 17 – Mass of the Lord's Supper
(There is no morning Mass today)

7:00 pm – for souls of our deceased priests, especially those who ministered at St. Ambrose Parish

Confession tonight 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm

* *At the conclusion of Holy Thursday Mass, a solemn procession will be held with the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the Church Hall. Adoration will be held in the Church Hall until 10:00 pm. Everyone welcome*

Good Friday, April 18

The Lord's Passion services at **11:00 am** and **3:00 pm**
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Divine Mercy Novena – 7:40 pm

Holy Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil Mass

(IMPORTANT - There is NO 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

8:30 pm – intentions of the living, and the deceased family of Deborah and Mark Fernandes
(This is a special Mass which will be approximately 2 hours)

EASTER Sunday, April 20 *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

9:00 am + JOHN & IRONDINA CANTO – Mary and family
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

APRIL 13, 2025



**Blessing of Easter Food
Holy Saturday April 19 at 12:00 noon
in our Church**

Święconka "the blessing of the Easter baskets" is an Eastern European traditions, held on Holy Saturday. Baskets containing a sampling of foods, which will be eaten for your Easter dinner, are brought to the church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.

All parishioners who wish to have their food blessed are welcome!

**Special Collection for the
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**

This **collection** will be taken-up at both **Good Friday Services**. The collection was originally initiated by Saint Pope John Paul II, to give financial support to the Church in the Holy Land.

"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass."

Join us for this series, which begins May 8th at 7 PM, in St. Ambrose Church Hall.

This study is published by Ascension Press and narrated by Dr. Edward Sri, a respected theologian, international speaker, and author.

The program spans five weeks and will provide an in-depth examination of the Mass, focusing on the Eucharist, scripture readings, prayers, and gestures.

The cost for the textbook and workbook is \$40.

Please register by Sunday, April 25, so we can order the books for you. To register, please contact Barb at the church office or Deacon Paul and provide your contact information.

Gentlemen of the Parish:

The **Be a Man Brant Men's** group would like to cordially invite you to our **3rd Annual Catholic Men's Retreat on Friday May 2 and Saturday, May 3**, at St. Pius Church, Brantford. Bishop Scott McCaig will be our speaker and leader for the event. Bishop Scott is a lumberjack, a storyteller and has a heart for speaking to men. He is the Ordinariate for the Canadian Military and you won't want to miss this dynamic speaker.

The Friday evening Mass and Wine and Cheese Social is open to everyone, so the men are encouraged to bring their wives. The cost is **only \$35**. For more information and details visit: <https://beamanbrant.ca>

"Daughters of the King" parish ladies' group will meet next on Tuesday, April 15th, from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for prayer, discussion and friendship.



**Divine Mercy Hour:
Sunday, April 27**

3:00 m in the Church. Join us for music and praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone welcome!

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – REGISTER NOW! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. **Registration is required** at "Upcoming Events" tab on the website hamiltondiocese.com

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, May 3rd at the Saint Benedict Church (300 Yates Drive, Milton)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a Thrift Store** in Galt that has supported those in need for many years. This spring, our Thrift Store is in need of donations of gently used furniture, housewares (particularly microwave ovens & casserole dishes), and walkers.

The Thrift Store is located at 75 Dundas St. N. in the Canadian Tire Plaza in Galt. Open from Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 519-629-0103. Come in and say "hi" to our friendly staff, drop off your gently used donations, and browse through our SSVF Thrift Store for interesting finds.

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